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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7832

BILL NUMBER: HB 1574

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mishawaka School Board.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Fry

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides for, beginning with the May 2008 primary election, the election of school board members in Mishawaka, if approved by a majority of the voters in Mishawaka at the November 2007 municipal election. The bill provides that a candidate may run as: (1) a member of a major political party; (2) a member of a political party that is not a major political party; or (3) an independent.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* Municipal elections in Mishawaka are currently conducted with optical-scan voting systems. The public question language would need to be added to the November 2007 ballot. Any impact of ballot costs should be minimal.

A successful public question would lead to election of the school board members beginning with the 2008 primary election. Board members would be elected to four-year terms. However, initially, the two members with lowest amount of votes at the 2008 primary would only receive two-year terms in order to place the board in a staggered 3-2 primary election cycle.

Background- The Mishawaka school board currently has five members. Members are currently appointed to the board by the Mishawaka City Council.

Ballot cost- Optical scan ballot costs depend on the contract in place between the county and vendor. As an example, Marion County, which is the largest county using optical scan with approximately 600,000 ballots produced, had a ballot cost of \$0.32 per ballot for the 2006 general election.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School City of Mishawaka, Saint Joseph County Election Board.

Information Sources: Department of Education, Jennifer Handlon, City of Indianapolis, Marion County Election Board, 327-5100.

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